

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on Page 4, line 16, with the following amended paragraph:

Depending on the required accuracy the position-determining system 6 is interrogated for the current absolute position by the data carrier 11 at appropriate intervals. Each new position is compared with the boundaries stored in the memory 23 by the comparator 24. There is no communication between the data carrier 11 and the information unit 5 as long as the object with the data carrier 11 is located in the area whose boundaries are stored in the data carrier. The data carrier transmits its absolute position to the information unit 5 only when it is located outside the area, ~~and this is has been as~~ detected by comparison with the stored boundaries. The information unit then determines the data corresponding to said position data with the aid of the electronic maps stored in it, stores the area which the object has entered, and transmits the new boundaries of the area to the data carrier 11.